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SUBJECT: FOLLOW UP TO ETHIOPIANS ARRESTED AT JOMO KENYATTA
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (JKIA)

REF: A. NAIROBI 4879

[1](#)B. TD 314/72464-05

Classified By: RSO Jeffrey Culver, Reason 1.4 (c).

[1](#)1. (S/NF) Explosive residue examination conducted by SIMO (using post's itemisers) on the left insole of the pair of shoes discussed in reflets, detected traces of the highly explosive substance, Pentaerythrol Trinitrate (PETN). On 11/28, Embassy Legal Attach and SIMO expert were given access to both of the shoes (now in Kenyan Police custody) in order to conduct a detailed examination of them. They were able to take numerous photographs of the shoes which are being e-mailed to DS/ITA for further analysis. Legat noted that on the outside, the shoes appear to be direct from the factory. All wiring in the shoes is located under the insole. However, during this examination of the shoes, both Legat and SIMO suspect that wiring in the shoes may have been tampered with. Further, the SIMO expert advised that a viable IED could be made with the wiring in the shoes.

[1](#)2. (S/NF) Israeli officials informed Legat yesterday that they believe shoes with electric foot warmers are available for sale in Addis Ababa. SIMO is attempting to confirm this information with their office there.

[1](#)3. (S/NF) The Addis-based Israelis advised they will purchase two pairs of the shoes sold on the market; shipping one pair to Tel Aviv for examination and one pair to Nairobi for Legat's further analysis.

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